

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
May 12, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:03 PM by Jacquelyn Miller at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Michelle Peterson, Craig Strong, Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Jacquelyn Miller.

Members Absent: Karla Lester, Heidi Stark, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio) and Molly Burton (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Frederick, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis, John Chess, Andrea Haberman, Charlotte Burke, Scott Holmes and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Nicole Vaverek and Nancy Hicks.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Miller asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Strong. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Miller asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the April 14, 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Burke introduced Ms. Vaverek – UNL intern who is completing her internship rotation at the Health Department.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the local flooding situation. Health Department staff were involved and provided assistance with shelter care, tetanus vaccines, and providing information on proper cleanup to avoid mold and health issues. She stated the City is providing free debris hauling for the North and South Bottoms residents on Saturday, May 16. The Center for People in Need is conducting a special distribution of cleaning supplies, personal care items, disinfectants and plastic totes on May 13 & 14, 2015 for residents in the affected areas. An After

Action Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14th to review actions and to discuss next steps. Staff are also collecting cost information to determine if the City can submit a claim to FEMA for public infrastructure funding reimbursement.

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to assist local law enforcement and emergency personnel with follow-up on K2. Doug Tangeman, one of our employees who has a degree in chemistry, is assisting with the results of testing of the substances.

Ms. Halstead stated staff are working with People's Health Center to provide services to a limited number of General Assistance patients. Staff are working with the Law Department on an agreement for this program.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)\

A. Proposed Replacement of Policy 223.23 – Individual Sewage Disposal Systems in Lancaster County with Policy 223.23 – Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Inspection Policy

Mr. Chess stated recent updates to the Lincoln Municipal Code and Lancaster County Resolution required review of the Individual Sewage Disposal Systems policy. Staff are recommending replacing the old policy with a new policy, modeled after the public swimming pool inspection policy that was approved by the Board of Health in November, 2014. The procedure section of the new policy reflects current regulatory requirements for how onsite wastewater treatment systems must be inspected. All of the forms were updated to assure all inspections are conducted consistent with the Lincoln Municipal Code and Lancaster County Resolution.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Strong that the Board of Health approve Policy 223.23 – Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Inspection. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

B. July Board of Health Meeting

Ms. Halstead stated over the past few years, July Board of Health meetings have been cancelled or attendance has been low. She asked the Board of Health to consider holding or cancelling the July 14, 2015 meeting. By deciding now, staff can better prepare and schedule agenda items for either the June or August meeting.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Board of Health cancel the July 14, 2015 meeting. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried on a 5-1 vote. Ayes – Amundson, Doster, Miller, Peterson and Strong. Abstain – Emery.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to monitor and follow the 2015 Legislative Session. Bills of interest include: LB31 – eliminating motorcycle and moped helmet requirements – passed over; LB332 – the MEDS Disposal Program for

appropriation of funds to implement a statewide program; and the Appropriations Committee's discussions on funding for local public health departments. The Legislature adopted Legislative Resolution 257 and will study and review how to review state funds for local public health department to ensure the departments are able to meet their core responsibilities and functions.

B. Update on K2

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the recent increase in the number of K2 overdoses in the community. She stated staff received the initial communication from a hospital Emergency Room Medical Director stating they were seeing a large number of K2 overdoses. Health Department staff then communicated with Lincoln Fire and Rescue, Lincoln Police Department, local hospitals, Lincoln Public Schools, Lancaster County Sheriff and the Bridge regarding the situation. Between April 17th and April 30th, Lincoln Fire and Rescue responded to 109 calls known or suspected, Lincoln Police Department responded to 43 calls and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office responded to 2 known calls resulting in 129 unduplicated calls. The agencies met on April 23rd and held a news conference on April 24th. Lincoln Police Department seized the production April 23rd. The Law Department asked local businesses to discontinue selling the product. Mr. Sieh stated a similar effort was implemented in an Arizona community. She reported the number of cases has decreased over the past several weeks. The community response to the situation was excellent. The Health Department developed a K2 Information Form and data is being collected on the cases. She stated the Department will continue to monitor the situation. She expressed her appreciation to the community partners for working with us on this matter.

C. MAPP Update/Future Participation by Board of Health Members

Mr. Frederick stated the Department held the first meeting of the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Partnership and Planning) Committee on April 23, 2015. Individuals were asked to assist the Department in updating the community health assessment that the Department conducted in 2010-2011. Fifty-eight (58) individuals attended the meeting. He reviewed the Vision and Value statements. He stated future meetings will be held on May 21 and June 25, 2015. Over the next several months, staff will review the latest data and make changes to the community profile, conduct surveys and focus groups, evaluate the resources and assets in the community and the strengths of the local public health system, prioritize health issues and identify current progress on the goals in the Community Health Improvement Plan.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – June 9, 2015 - 5:00 PM

Mr. Emery expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Health Department staff and the Board of Health during the past several years while he served as a Lincoln City Councilman. He appreciated the energy and dedication of the employees and

felt fortunate to be able to work with the staff and Board. Ms. Halstead thanked Mr. Emery for his service to the Department, the Board of Health and the residents of the City.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President